

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous claim listings and versions.

1-64. (Cancelled).

65. (Previously Presented) Primary composition comprising a mixture of (i) at least one lipophilic bioactive compound and (ii) a whey protein in an amount effective to increase the bioavailability of the lipophilic bioactive compound.

66. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is obtained, extracted, enriched or purified from a plant, microorganism, yeast or product of animal origin.

67. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the plant is tomatoes, soya, green tea, green coffee beans, spices, grapes, cocoa, ginger or cereals.

68. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the microorganism is any type of bacterium which produces a lipophilic bioactive compound.

69. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the yeast is a yeast which produces a lipophilic bioactive compound.

70. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the product of animal origin is chosen from the group consisting of a liver extract and a milk fraction.

71. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is a carotenoid, polyphenol, lipophilic vitamin, flavonoid, isoflavone, curcuminoid, ceramide, proanthocyanidin, terpenoid, sterol, phytosterol, sterol ester, tocotrienol, squalene, or retinoid, alone or as a mixture.

72. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is a tomato extract, a soybean extract or a mixture thereof.

73. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 65, in the form of a powder, gel or liquid and which further comprises at least one of vitamin C or tocopherol.

74. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 65, which further comprises at least one of an emulsifier, a stabilizer or another additive.

75. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition.

76. (Previously Presented) Primary composition according to claim 75, wherein the whey protein and lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

77. (cancelled)

78. (Previously Presented) Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 65 in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

79. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food.

80. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant and is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

81. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the content of the primary composition is between about 0.001 and 100%.

82. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 81, wherein the content of the primary composition is between about 10 and 50%.

83. (Previously Presented) Cosmetic composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 65.

84. (Previously Presented) Cosmetic composition according to claim 83, wherein the cosmetic composition additionally comprises a compound active with respect to the skin.

85. (Previously Presented) Cosmetic composition according to claim 83, wherein the content of primary composition is between about 10⁻¹⁰% and 10%.

86. (Currently Amended) The primary composition according to claim ~~[[77]]~~ 72, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition and wherein the whey protein and the lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

87. (Previously Presented) Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 86, in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

88. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 87, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food, or the pharmaceutical preparation is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

89. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 88, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant.

90. (Previously Presented) Primary composition comprising a mixture of (i) at least one lipophilic bioactive compound and (ii) a whey protein in an amount effective to increase the bioavailability of the lipophilic bioactive compound, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition and wherein the whey protein and the lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

91. (Previously Presented) Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 90, in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

92. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 91, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food, or the pharmaceutical preparation is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

93. (Previously Presented) Oral composition according to claim 92, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant.